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Sir:

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CLAIMS

- 1. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract as fodder complement for the production of fodders, nutriments or premixes.
- 2. Fodder or nutriment which in addition to the usual fodder- and nutriment components contains fermented wheat-germ extract in an amount of 0,001-10% in weight.
- 3. Fodder- or nutriment premix which in addition to the usual premix components contains fermented wheat-germ extract in an amount of 0,001-50% in weight.
- 4. Fodder, nutriment or premix according to Claim 2 or 3 containing such wheatgerm extract which derives from a fermentation broth obtained in the course of the fermentation of the wheat germ in the presence of Saccharomyces cerevisiae in an aqueous medium.
- 5. Method for yield-enhancing of farm animals characterized in that fermented wheat-germ extract is given as yield-enhancer to the fodder of the animals and the animals are fed with the fodder obtained in this manner.
- 6. The method according to Claim 5 characterized in that the above-mentioned yield-enhancer is employed in an amount of 0,1-6 g/kg fodder, preferably 0,3-3 g/kg fodder.
- 7. The method according to Claim 5 or 6 wherein the farm animal is cattle, horse, rabbit, piglet, fattening pig, broiler chicken, egg-laying hen, turkey, goose or duck.
- 8. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for yield-enhancing of farm animals.
- 9. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for manufacture of preparation for preventing and/or treating animal's Mycoplasma infections.
- 10. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for manufacture of preparation for preventing and/or treating animal's infectious inflammations, particularly pneumonia caused by M. hyopneumoniae.
- 11. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for manufacture of preparation for preventing and/or treating coccidiosis infection of poultry.
- 12. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for increasing antibody titer of vaccinated poultry.



- 13. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for preventing and/or reducing Mycoplasma gallisepticum or Mycoplasma synoviae infection and/or coccidiosis infection of poultry.
- 14. The use of fermented wheat-germ extract for preventing pneumoniae caused by M. hyopneumoniae.
- 15. The use according to Claim 8 or Claims 11-13 in that the wheat-germ extract is employed mixing to the usual fodder in an amount of 0,1-6 g/fodder kg.